

layer by CLV (constant linear velocity) operation, said method being carried out in the following manner:

when an individual recorded mark has a time length nT (T is the data reference clock period, and n is an integer within a range of from 3 to 11), recording light of erasure power P_e , which is able to crystallize an amorphous-state portion, irradiates inter-mark portions.

for the recorded marks, the time length $(n-i)T$ is divided into $\alpha_1 T$, $\beta_1 T$, $\alpha_2 T$, $\beta_2 T$, ..., $\alpha_m T$, $\beta_m T$ (where $m=n-1$ or $m=n-2$) in this sequence so as to satisfy $\sum_i (\alpha_i + \beta_i) = n-i$ (i is a real number within a range of $0.0 < i < 2.0$), and

the recording light of recording power P_w ($P_w > P_e$), which is able to melt the recording layer within the time length $\alpha_i T$ ($1 \leq i \leq m$), irradiates the recording layer, and the recording light of bias power P_b ($0 < P_b < 0.5 P_e$) within the time length $\beta_i T$ ($1 \leq i \leq m$) the recording layer to overwrite; and

when a linear velocity within a range of 1.2 m/s to 1.4 m/s is the reference velocity (1-times velocity) and 231 nsec (ns) is a reference clock period,

for the 4-times velocity, $\alpha_1 =$ from 0.3 to 1.5, $\alpha_i =$ from 0.2 to 0.7 ($2 \leq i \leq m$), $\alpha_i + \beta_i =$ from 1 to 1.5 ($3 \leq i \leq m$),

for the 1- or the 2-times velocity, $\alpha_1 =$ from 0.05 to 1.0, $\alpha_i =$ from 0.05 to 0.5 ($2 \leq i \leq m$), $\alpha_i + \beta_{i-1} =$ from 1 to 1.5 ($3 \leq i \leq m$), and

for any of 6-, 8-, 10- and 12-times velocities, $\alpha_1 =$ from 0.3 to 2, $\alpha_i =$ from 0.3 to 1 ($2 \leq i \leq m$), $\alpha_i + \beta_{i-1} =$ from 1 to 1.5 ($3 \leq i \leq m$);

and wherein for any of the described linear velocity in use,
m is constant,